

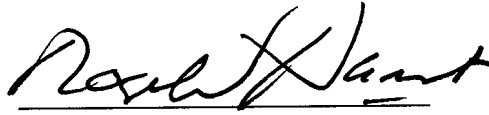
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subject matter of the non-elected claims. Thus, search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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